

## NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

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## OBITUARY.

[\* An asterisk is prefixed to the names of those who at the time of their decease were Members of the Association.]

HOPE, J., M.D., of Tobago, at Hopeton Villa, Lewisham Road, aged 57, on June 20.

LIGHTBODY, Thomas Dehane, M.D., Staff-Surgeon, at Barbadoes, on May 18.

M'GREGOR, Angus, M.D., at Edinburgh, on July 11.

STANGER, William, M.D., Government Surveyor General of the Port Natal District, aged 41, on March 14.

THOM, Alexander, Esq., First Class Staff Surgeon, formerly of the 11th and 86th regiments, and late Principal Medical Officer at the Mauritius, at 1 Warwick Street, Charing Cross, of paralysis, July 6th. By his death, the British army has been deprived of one of the most talented, energetic, and efficient officers of its medical service, at a time when his great practical experience of the diseases of military life in foreign climates, and his acknowledged superiority as a superintending and directing medical officer, might have become available for economising the valuable lives of our officers and soldiers now serving on the banks of the Danube. The merit and services of Mr. Thom were well known to, and fully appreciated by, the present chief of the Army Medical Board, under whom he had served two years at Chatham, before he exchanged with the surgeon of the 86th regiment, then in Sindh. Dr. Smith's ever ready forwardness to advance Mr. Thom's prospects in the service, and his kind attention to him during his last moments, are gratifying proofs of how richly deserving of public reward he considered him. Having been selected by his chief for the important and onerous task of bringing up arrears of public medical business at the Mauritius, he did not, though labouring under different health at the time, shrink from the duty which had been assigned him. Leaving Bombay, where, for some time after the death of Dr. Kinnis, he had been acting as Deputy-Inspector of Hospitals, he assumed the office of Principal Medical Officer at the Mauritius on the 10th of April, 1852. The estimation in which his services, military and civil, were held by the authorities of this settlement, was evidenced by the complimentary government order issued on his departure for England, and by the address from the Meteorological Society of the island, requesting him to accept the office of Honorary President, with a vote that his portrait should be hung in the rooms of the society. Apart from his duties there, as Principal Medical Officer to the Troops, were those appertaining to his office of Chief Medical Adviser to the Government; and between these his labours were so greatly increased that he fell a sacrifice, it is feared, to his keen sense of public duty and his untiring energy. Mr. Thom served with distinction in Portugal, the Ionian Islands, and in India. Next to his professional studies, the subject of meteorology was his favourite pursuit. His well known work on *Storms* was published in London in 1845, at the pressing request of Captain Beecher, Assistant Hydrographer to the Admiralty, and of Captain Stokes, who had just returned from a survey of the eastern seas. Its publication led to many gratifying testimonials from the scientific men of the day, with many of whom afterwards the author kept up a friendly correspondence. Three years ago, a Captain of the Royal Navy of Holland, on arriving at Calcutta, and hearing that Mr. Thom was at Bombay, wrote to him, saying how anxious he had been for an opportunity of expressing to him the great value and utility of his work, which he himself had translated into the Dutch language, and which was now, by order of the King of Holland, used by every ship of the Dutch navy. He mentioned, moreover, that, by closely adhering to the directions in the work, he had just passed through a most fearful hurricane without losing a spar or a sail. His excellent Report on Cholera, as it affected all the troops at Kurrachee, but more particularly the men of H. M. 80th regiment, during June 1846, was published, by order of the House of Commons, in March 1848. The dreadful mortality of this epidemic, which in a few days destroyed seven hundred fighting men and several thousand civilians, deeply impressed the profession and the public; and the report which embraces its history has been acknowledged to be a masterly production. Mr. Thom's career, though brought, alas! to an untimely end, is a proof of how much talented

individuals may, by persevering industry, accomplish for the honour of their profession, and for the benefit of their fellow-creatures: and to all desirous of attaining the same honourable distinction, we would say, "Go and do likewise." His body has found its resting place in the Kensal Green Cemetery.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

[\* An asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

•DAYMAN, Henry, Esq. EFFECTS OF CIVILISATION ON THE FORTUNES OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION. Pamphlet, pp. 30. London: 1854.

GAIRDNER, William, M.D. GOUT: its Causes and its Cure. Third edition. pp. 400. London: 1854.

MADGE, Henry, M.D. THE DISEASES OF THE FŒTUS IN UTERO, not including Malformations. pp. 200. London: 1854.

STRUTHERS, John, M.D. ANATOMICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS. Part I, pp. 239. Edinburgh: 1854.

WILSON, Erasmus, F.R.S. THE ANATOMIST'S VADE-MECUM: a System of Human Anatomy. Sixth edition. pp. 698. London: 1854.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

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- KÜLLIKER'S Manual of Human Histology. Two Vols. Woodcuts.
- \*ROKITANSKY'S Pathological Anatomy. Three Vols.
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